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22 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Chapin on Replying to Leon Davidson's
UFO Letter, and Subsequent Telephone Conversation
with Major Tacker

1. I met with Mr. F. M. Chapin, Assistant to the DCI, in
his office on 22 May 1958 for the purpose of discussing actions
to be taken in replying to two letters from Mr. Leon Davidson.

   a. One dated 27 April 1958 addressed to the DCI

   b. Another dated about 15 May 1958 addressed to Mr. J. S.
Earman, Executive Officer to the DCI.

Copies of both these letters, and his reply to them, will be
forwarded to me by Mr. Chapin as soon as his reply is drafted.

2. Mr. Chapin agreed to draft the reply noted above largely
in the manner employed previously by Mr. Earman when he made his
14 April 1958 reply to Davidson. The reply will merely acknowledge
receipt of Davidson's letters and will inform him again that the
matter is one of Air Force concern and that his queries have been
referred thereto for reply.

3. Following the meeting with Mr. Chapin I telephoned Major
L. J. Tacker, USAF, finally contacting him on 23 May 1958. He
stated that he had already replied to Davidson's 27 April letter
(paragraph 1. a. above) for both the Air Forces and the DCI, and
that information copies had been dispatched to CIA. I informed
him then that Mr. Chapin had received a second letter from Davidson
(paragraph 1. a. above), and that Mr. Chapin

   a. had replied briefly to both (per paragraph 2 above),
and

   b. would forward copies of both incoming and outgoing
correspondence to Major Tacker for further action.

4. Major Tacker asked if Mr. Cary had been able to contact
Admiral Hillenkoetter as noted in Mr. Lexow's 16 May 1958 memorandum
for record. I did not know, but stated I would look into the matter.

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